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SUBJ: SHIPPING LYKES STEAMSHIP COMPANY REQUEST FOR
ASSOCIATE STATUS WITH CAVN

REF: A STATE 165945, B CARACAS 5540, C CARACAS 5293

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS TALKED WITH CAPTAIN RIOS AND MOLINA AND PRESENTED IN STRONG TERMS THE CASE FOR LYKES ENTRANCE INTO GREAT LAKES-VENEZUELA SERVICE. REQUESTED CASE-BY-CASE WAIVERS TO BE GRANTED LYKES IN ORDER TO START SERVICE BY MID-AUGUST. LYKES WOULD BE WILLING TO TRAVEL TO VENEZUELA TO DISCUSS ANY DETAILS NECESSARY FOR THESE WAIVERS AND ALSO TO FURTHER DISCUSS EVENTUAL ASSOCIATE LINE STATUS. MAJOR EMPHASIS WAS ON RAPID COMMUNICATIONS WITH LYKES.

2. CAPT RIOS SAID CAVN EMPHATICALLY DISAGREED WITH LYKE'S CONTENTION THAT GREAT LAKES SERVICE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL. HE SAID IT WOULD IN FACT DRAW TRAFFIC FROM OTHER AREAS. CAPTAIN RIOS ONCE AGAIN STATED THAT CAVN COULD NOT REACH ANY AGREEMENT WITH LYKES BROS. UNTIL PARAMETERS OF WHAT LYKE PLANS TO CARRY ARE ESTABLISHED. HE STATED THAT AT NOT TIME HAS LYKES REQUESTED A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF CARGO CAPACITY. HE THAN POINTED OUT THAT CAVN'S RIGHT TO WAIVE CARGO WAS AT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST OF THE SOURCE OR THE CARGO NOT THE SHIPPING LINE. WITH THIS IN MIND, CAVN WILL HAVE MEETING WITH CHRYSLER, (THE COMPANY WHICH IS INTERESTED IN LYKES NEW ROUTE) NEXT WEEK AND WOULD CONTACT LYKES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THAT MEETING.

3. CAPT RIOS ALSO EXPRESSED SOME BEWILDERMENT AS TO WHY LYKES WOULD WANT TO OPEN A ROUTE THAT WOULD ACCORDING TO HIM,

COST \$50,000 MORE IN FUEL OIL PER TRIP, TAKE 10 ADDITIONAL DAYS,
HAVE LIMITED CARGO CAPACITY, AND BE OPERATIONAL ONLY DURING THE
SUMMER MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: WE WILL STAY IN TOUCH WITH RIOS TO LEARN
THE RESULTS OF THE CAVN DISCUSSIONS WITH CHRYSLER AND
TO GET RIOS TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HIS PLAN TO
TALK WITH LYKES.
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